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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **September 8 – September 22**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Calls:

Enterovirus D68 in the United States: Epidemiology, Diagnosis & Treatment

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_091614.asp

Management and Prevention of Pediatric Influenza in Healthcare Settings

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_091814.asp

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

Healthcare Facility Preparedness Checklist for Ebola Virus Disease – September 12

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/healthcare-facility-checklist-for-ebola.pdf

Healthcare Provider Preparedness Checklist for Ebola Virus Disease – September 12

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/healthcare-provider-checklist-for-ebola.pdf

CDC Safety Training Course for Healthcare Workers Going to West Africa in Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak – September 11

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/safety-training-course/index.html

How U.S. Clinical Laboratories Can Safely Manage Specimens from Persons Under Investigation for Ebola Virus Disease – September 11

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/safe-specimen-management.html

Guidance on Air Medical Transport for Patients with Ebola Virus Disease – September 11

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-air-medical-transport-patients.html

Ebola Outbreak: Airport, Border, & Port of Entry Resources for Use by International Partners – September 11

wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/ebola-outbreak-communication-resources

Guidance on Air Medical Transport for Patients with Ebola Virus Disease – September 11

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-air-medical-transport-patients.html

Interim Guidance Regarding Compliance with Select Agent Regulations for Laboratories Handling Patient Specimens that are Known or Suspected to Contain Ebola Virus – September 8

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/select-agent-regulations.html

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 37 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

NEW: Public Health Matters Blog: Emergency Planning for All Abilities – September 9 (CDC)

To make sure the needs of people with disabilities are met in disasters, here are a few areas that all of us – caregivers, emergency responders, health professionals and individuals with disabilities – should focus on.

blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2014/09/emergency-planning-for-all-abilities/

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel — United States, 2013–14 Influenza Season](#)
- [Influenza Vaccination Performance Measurement Among Acute Care Hospital-Based Health Care Personnel — United States, 2013–14 Influenza Season](#)
- [Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Pregnant Women — United States, 2013–14 Influenza Season](#)
- [Use of 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine and 23-Valent Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Among Adults Aged ≥65 Years: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#)
- [Announcement: Now Available Online: Final 2013–14 Influenza Vaccination Coverage Estimates for Selected Local Areas, States, and the United States](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

Weekly Flu View – September 19 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – September 19 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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